

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mary Jo Bertani on 4/8/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

delete claims 19 – 21;

before "system" (claim 1, line 1), insert -- **hardware** --;

before "method" (claim 11, line 1) insert -- **computer hardware implemented** --

after "2003" (paragraph 1, line 2 of the spec.) insert -- , **now U.S. Pat. No.**

6,792,460 --;

replace "Appl. No. 10/038,098" (paragraph 18, lines 3 – 4) with -- **Patent No.**

7,197,559 --;

replace "Appl. No. 10/038,098" (paragraph 21, line 4) with -- **No. 7,197,559** --.

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

Examiner notes that the term "hardware" is exemplarily shown as the "reports server" and "application server" in the drawings (Figs. 1A, 1B, 6, 8A) and specification.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not specifically disclose or remotely suggest

With regard to independent claim 1:

a **reports server** that receives data indicative of the execution times of each of the plurality of application components, and provides a breakdown indicating an **amount of time spent by each of the plurality of application components executing the transaction**; and

wherein the **agent computer is configured to initiate execution of the transaction** by sending to the web site system a request message that contains encoded data indicating that the transaction should be monitored by the probe, and wherein the probe is responsive to the encoded data by monitoring execution of the transaction on the application server.

With regard to independent claim 11:

a **user transaction that is an agent-generated transaction** that includes encoded information that causes the probe to monitor execution of the application; and incorporating a set of transaction-specific time measurements into a report that provides a **transaction-specific breakdown of times spent by each of the plurality of application components** during processing by the application server of the user transaction.

In addition, Examiner points to the arguments of Applicant's representative (arguments on 1/22/08; pp. 6 – 11).

2. These limitations, in conjunction with the other limitations in the independent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record.

A review of claims 1, 3 – 13, and 15 – 18, in view of the Examiner's arguments above, indicates that claims 1, 3 – 13, and 15 – 18 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is 571 272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 am - 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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